IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 16 and 28 to 32 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 17, 18 and 20 to 27 and add new Claims 33 to 36 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An image editing method ~~according to claim 16,~~ comprising the steps of:

performing a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which divides the image based on a golden section.

18. (Currently Amended) An image editing method ~~according to claim 17,~~ comprising the steps of:

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an

arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which vertically and horizontally divides the image into equal parts.

19. (Original) An image editing method according to claim 18, wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which vertically and horizontally divides the image into at least one of three, four, and five equal parts.

20. (Currently Amended) An image editing method ~~according to claim 17,~~ comprising the steps of:

performing a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which is obtained by drawing a diagonal line in a rectangular image and drawing perpendicular lines from remaining vertexes of the image to the diagonal line.

21. (Currently Amended) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], wherein the grid displaying step is arranged to switch between displaying and non-displaying of the grid.

22. (Currently Amended) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], wherein the trimming step performs the trimming process by changing at least one of a size and a position of the image.

23. (Currently Amended) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], wherein

the trimming step is arranged to change at least one of a size and a position of a trimming frame which is displayed on the image to indicate a trimming image area in accordance with a trimming instruction, and display the trimming frame changed in at least one of the size and the position, and

the grid displaying step displays the grid in the trimming frame changed in at least one of the size and the position.

24. (Currently Amneded) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], wherein

the grid displaying step displays fixedly a trimming image area and the grid in the trimming image area, and

the trimming step is arranged to change an image in the trimming image area in at least one of a size and a position in accordance with a trimming instruction and display the image changed in at least one of the size and the position.

25. (Currently amended) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], wherein the trimming process to be performed with the dragging of the image by the pointing device includes:

a step of instructing movement of an arbitrary point of an image displayed in an image display area, in accordance with the arbitrary point of the image being dragged with the pointing device;

a step of calculating an image movement amount of the arbitrary point of the image and a magnification ratio of the image in response to the instruction of the movement of the arbitrary point; and

a step of displaying a predetermined area of the image data in a trimming image display area on the basis of the image movement amount and the magnification ratio, which are calculated in the calculating step.

26. (Currently Amended) An image editing method ~~according to claim 25,~~ comprising the steps of:

performing a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an

arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays a grid that is closest to a point of an image dragged with the pointing device ~~instructed in the instructing step~~, out of a plurality of grid candidates, in a form that is different from that of other grids.

27. (Currently Amended) An image editing method according to claim 18 [[14]], further comprising:

a step of instructing to print the image on which the trimming process is performed.

28. to 32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) An image editing apparatus comprising:

a trimming process unit which performs a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

a grid displaying unit which displays a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein said grid displaying unit displays the grid which divides the image based on a golden section.

34. (New) An image editing apparatus comprising:

a trimming process unit which performs a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

a grid displaying unit which displays a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein said grid displaying unit displays the grid which vertically and horizontally divides the image into equal parts.

35. (New) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program comprising a code for causing a computer to execute an image editing method, said image editing method comprising the steps of:

performing a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which divides the image based on a golden section.

36. (New) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program comprising a code for causing a computer to execute an image editing method, said image editing method comprising the steps of:

performing a trimming process on image data in a trimming mode; and

displaying a grid on an image to be subjected to the trimming process, in response to the image being dragged by a pointing device which is arranged to encircle an arbitrary point of the image and move the encircled arbitrary point of the image, to perform the trimming process,

wherein the grid displaying step displays the grid which vertically and horizontally divides the image into equal parts.